Exchange rate for payment of gas to RIL

2531. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA BHATIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what would be USD / INR exchange rate for the payment of gas to Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) by Government owned power and fertilizer companies;

(b) whether there is any change in the decision conveyed by the Ministry to RIL on applicability of the USD/ INR exchange rate under the approved price formula; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) The exchange rate is fixed on the monthly average of the daily mean of the buying and selling rates of exchange as quoted by State Bank of India (or any other financial body as may be mutually agreed by the parties) for the Month prior to the Month in which the revenues, costs, expenditures, receipts or income are recorded as per the provisions of the Production Sharing Contract.

Initiatives under RGGVY

2532. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives taken under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) during the current year, State-wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the funds allocated and utilized under this flagship programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a)The following initiatives were taken during the current year to expedite the implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY):

i. Conference of Power Ministers of States was convened by Ministry of Power on 23rd June, 2009.

ii. Monitoring Committee held its meeting in the Month of June and July 2009. Review meetings were also held in the States of Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

iii. Video Conferencing was held with Energy Secretaries of North Eastern Region (NER) States and Secretary (Power) on the issue of Power Development in NERStates and implementation of RGGVY.

During the current year, the electrification of 2645 un/de-electrified villages and intensive electrification of 7885 electrified villages have been reported. Further, 8.74 lakh service connections to BPL households have been provided in the sanctioned projects under RGGVY as on 30.06.2009.

State-wise achievements of un/de-electrified villages, intensive electrification of electrified villages and release of BPL connections during the year 2009-10 (up to 30.06.2009) for the sanctioned projects under RGGVY, are given in the Statement *(See* below). In Andhra Pradesh, intensive electrification of 1194 electrified villages have been completed and 1,21,590 BPL households connections have been released under RGGVY during the current financial year as on 30.06.2009.

(b) Government has accorded approval for capital subsidy of Rs.28,000 crore for execution of RGGVY during 11th Plan in addition to Rs.5000 crore approved for execution of RGGVY during 10th Plan period. An amount of Rs.14952.96 crores have been disbursed for the sanctioned projects under RGGVY as on 30.06.2009.

Statement

State-wise Achievement of electrification of villages & households for the sanctioned projects under RGGVY

Sl.No.	Name of State	During 2009-10 (upto 30.06.2009)		
		Un/De-electrified Villages	Electrified Villages	BPL HH's
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	1194	121590
2	Arunachal Pradesh	54	24	49
3	Assam	90	258	23315
4	Bihar	557	75	68921
5	Chhattisgarh	4	256	17517
6	Gujarat	0	33	20793
7	Haryana	0	198	13734
8	Himachal Pradesh	0	77	64
9	Jammu & Kashmir	2	245	2232
10	Jharkhand	1163	304	88983
11	Karnataka	0	326	59746
12	Kerala	0	2	1635
13	M.P	0	1388	23342
14	Maharashtra	0	1384	107965
15	Meghalaya	18	20	1879
16	Orissa	469	358	76383
17	Punjab	0	0	7008

1	2	3	4	5
18	Rajasthan	142	1063	31192
19	Tamil Nadu	0	0	43804
20	Uttar Pradesh	0	225	62175
21	Uttarakhand	32	449	52420
22	West Bengal	114	6	49585
	TOTAL	2,645	7885	874332

Progress of rural electrification in Orissa

2533.SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajiv Gandhi Kutir Jyoti Programme and rural electrification work in Orissa has made no progress because of lack of interest of implementing authority; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government intends to take for the progress of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir. All the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) Projects for the State of Orissa have been sanctioned and are under implementation.

(b) For effective implementation of RGGVY, the following steps have been taken:

(i) States have been advised to set up district committees with representation from MPs & MLAs to monitor the progress of rural electrification works.

(ii) The Government of India as also Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), conduct frequent review meetings with all the stakeholders; the concerned State Governments, State power utilities and implementing agencies for expeditious implementation of the scheme on the agreed schedules.

(iii) For speedier and effective implementation of projects, execution has been taken up on turnkey basis.

(iv) To ensure qualitative execution of rural electrification works, a three tier quality control mechanism has been enforced under RGGVY.

(v) Fund flow has been streamlined.

(vi) Chief Ministers have been requested for expeditious implementation of the scheme.

(vii) Chief Secretaries of States have been requested to resolve State level issues by holding State level Coordination Committee meetings for expeditious implementation of the scheme.